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1. SUMMARY: WEEK ENDING JUNE 9 WAS MARKED BY NAMING OF NEW VICE MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE, TWO KEY DIRECTORS GENERAL, ENCOURAGING REMARKS ON ECONOMIC CRISIS BY PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S., CONTINUATION OF MINI-DEVALUATIONS (FROM 151/\$ TO 152/\$) AND A FIRMING UP OF THE CERTIFICATE MARKET IN THE 195/\$ RANGE. MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE WILL ADDRESS NATION ON TV EARLY NEXT WEEK. END SUMMARY.

2. NEW APPOINTMENTS AT ECONOMY AND FINANCE - THE JUNE 9 EL PERUANO CARRIED THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE NEW VICE MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE AND THE DIRECTORS GENERAL OF TAXATION AND THE BUDGET. THE NEW VICE-MINISTER (DIRECTOR SUPERIOR) IS DR. JUAN ROUILLON ARROSPIDE, REPLACING DICK ALCANTARA. THE NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TAXATION (CONTRIBUCIONES) IS DR. FERNANDO DE LA ROSA VILLEGAS. HE REPLACES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COL. JORGE DIAZ MOSTO. THE NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE BUDGET (PRESUPUESTO PUBLICO) IS DR. RUDOLFO
ABRAM CAVALERINO, REPLACING GENERAL CARLOS GAMARRA,
WHO HAS BECOME SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OFFICE OF
THE PRIME MINISTER. ACCORDING TO A WELL-INFORMED
EMBASSY SOURCE ROUILLON IS A TAX LAWYER WHO WORKED
FOR 10-15 YEARS IN VARIOUS ECONOMY AND FINANCE MINISTRY

POSITIONS RELATED TO TAX MATTERS. HE LEFT THE MINISTRY ABOUT 4 YEARS AGO, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF LOW SALARY, AND FORMED A TAX CONSULTANT FIRM WITH DE LA ROSA, WHO IS ALSO A TAX LAWYER. BOTH MEN ARE CONSIDERED HONEST AND GOOD ADMINISTRATORS AND ROUILLON'S EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS OF THE MINISTRY ARE EXPECTED TO BE HELPFUL IN CARRYING OUT GENERAL HOUSECLEANING THERE. HOWEVER, NEITHER ROUILLON NOR DE LA ROSA IS KNOWN FOR IMAGINATIVE THINKING IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC POLICY.

3. GARCIA BEDOYA STATEMENT. PERU'S AMBASSADOR TO THE US, CARLOS GARCIA BEDOYA, UPON ARRIVAL IN LIMA JUNE 8 FOR CONSULTATIONS, MADE A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS IN WHICH HE CLAIMED THAT INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPPORT PERU IN THE EFFORTS IT IS CARRYING OUT TO OVERCOME THE ECONOMIC CRISIS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS PERU'S EFFORTS, AND THAT THE VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY THE DE LA PUENTE MISSION HAD BEEN "POSITIVE." HE ADDED THAT FOREIGN PRIVATE BANKS ALSO APPROVE OF MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO SOLVE PERUVIAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

4. EXCHANGE RATE MOVEMENT. DURING THE WEEK JUNE 2-8 THE "OFFICIAL" EXCHANGE RATE INCHED SLOWLY FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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151.64/\$ TO 152.30/\$ WHILE THE CERTIFICATE RATE REMAINED RELATIVELY STABLE IN THE 195/\$ RANGE.

5. IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE, DR. JAVIER SILVA RUETE, WILL MAKE AN IMPORTANT ECONOMIC POLICY SPEECH "IN THE NEAR FUTURE." (WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SPEECH WILL PROBABLY BE GIVEN EARLY NEXT WEEK, PERHAPS JUNE 12 OR 13.) SHLAUDEMAN

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